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**Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Board**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
\*CORRECTED\* Meeting Minutes  
August 9, 2017

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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**Time: 5:15PM**

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**I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Rick Taggart, Board Chairman, called the Meeting of the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Board to order at 5:18PM on August 9, 2017 in Grand Junction, Colorado and in the County of Mesa.

<i>Commissioners Present:</i> Rick Taggart, Chairman Tom Benton Tim Pollard Chuck McDaniel Robin Brown Thaddeus Shrader Erling Brabaek  <i>Airport Staff:</i> Mark Achen Victoria Hightower, Clerk Ty Minnick Jodi Doney Eric Trinklein Chance Ballegeer	<i>Other:</i> Ryan Hayes, Mead & Hunt Gary Harmon, Daily Sentinel
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**II. Approval of Agenda**

*The agenda was approved by major motion.*

**III. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Benton commented that as a result of the Finance and Audit Committee meeting a while back, one of the items that surfaced was a need to engage or consider engaging an RFP for the airline contract rate negotiation that is going to be coming up.

Chairman Taggart commented on behalf of the Compliance Committee and stated that when Commissioner Murray stepped down from the board they lost a member of the compliance committee and that is an ongoing committee. Commissioner Brabaek was

appointed to the Compliance Committee along with Commissioner McDaniel. A staff member has yet to be appointed to the committee.

Chairman Taggart also commented on process and protocol. Chairman Taggart stated that because there is a lot going on right now there can be a reaction for a commissioner to call individual managers directly. Chairman Taggart stated that he would ask commissioners to follow the same protocol that they do at the City and make sure any conversations that they need to have starts with Mr. Achen and let Mr. Achen give the go-ahead as to whether a direct conversation needs to take place. Chairman Taggart said that the reason for that is because the director should always know what is going on. Chairman Taggart said that the Audit Committee is a little different because the Audit Committee does have a direct line to Ty and likewise when a staff member joins the Compliance Committee.

#### **IV. Citizen Comments**

None.

#### **V. Consent Items**

- A. Dynetics Invoice
- B. ADK executive search agreement

Commissioner Benton said that he would like clarification on Dynetics invoice, with respect to what they are being billed for because 3 or 4 months ago they heard they may have been some performance aspects that still needed to be completed. Commissioner Benton said that if they were to pay the full amount that's left, there wouldn't be a retainage left. Commissioner Benton asked that they received everything that they paid for according to the contract with Dynetics

Mr. Minnick said that that might be worth discussing in the executive session.

Commissioner Benton asked to table this item.

*Commissioner McDaniel moved for the Board to approve item B on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Pollard seconded. Voice Vote. All Ayes.*

#### **VI. Discussion/Action Items**

- A. Order Granting In Part And Denying In Part Relators' Motion To Approve Fees And Costs

Chairman Taggart stated that this is a discussion and potential action on the fees associated with bringing the qui tam case to a conclusion. Chairman Taggart said that there is one caveat that he will mention after the first part.

Chairman Taggart said that they were willing to settle this case with the relators for \$100,000 dollars and he doesn't know if attorney on the case, Julie Walker, made that

offer formally but he thinks that she did. Chairman Taggart said that the judge came back, after looking at everything and is very close to what they were willing to do about 18 months ago.

*Commissioner McDaniel made a motion for the Board to approve and pay the fees that has been suggested by their attorney. Commissioner Brown seconded. Voice Vote. All Ayes.*

Chairman Taggart said that another issue that has emerged is that Mr. John Steele was the attorney for the relators and came back after this ruling and requested to Ms. Julie Walker an additional \$10,000.

Commissioner McDaniel said that Mr. Steele said that he spent 70 hours preparing his billing records and the court allowed him \$300 per hour which would come out to be \$21,000. Mr. Steele has offered to cut that to \$10,000. Commissioner McDaniel said that there is a case that says if you are entitled to attorney's fees then you are entitled to time to prepare the petition for those attorney's fees. However, Commissioner McDaniel commented and said that he feels that should have all been in his original petition.

*Commissioner Benton made a motion for the Board to respond unfavorably to Mr. Steele's request and indicate that there will be no more funds forthcoming. Commissioner Pollard seconded. Voice Vote. All Ayes.*

#### **B. AIP 56 replacement runway – design phase 2**

Mr. Trinklein briefed the Board. Mr. Trinklein stated that they received a grant offer from the FAA for AIP 56 for an amount of \$1,894,901. Staff recommends that the Board Chairman execute and the airport attorney ratify the offer, as well as the board sign the co-sponsorship agreement with both Mesa County and the City of Grand Junction.

Mr. Trinklein said that to expedite funding for the project they are also amending AIP 55 to increase it by a little over \$213,000 to cover project costs.

*Commissioner Benton made a motion for the Board to adopt part 1 offer grant agreement, so it can move forward for approval by the City of Grand Junction. Commissioner Brown seconded. Voice Vote. All Ayes*

#### **VII. Motion into Executive Session**

*Commissioner Shrader made a motion for the Board to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing specialized details of security arrangements as authorized by C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(c) and for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators as authorized under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e). Commissioner Brown seconded. Voice Vote. All Ayes*

**VIII. Executive Session**

**IX. Adjourn Executive Session and move into regular board meeting**

**X. Any other business which may come before the Board**

Commissioner Benton asked Mr. Ballegeer, Airport Security Coordinator, with respect to the invoice for Dynetics that was in the board packets, if there was any reason to include a minor retainage of that 5% so that they are sure Dynetics performs the balance of the contract responsibilities.

Mr. Ballegeer stated that they have fully completed and there is no reason for retainage.

*Commissioner Brown made a motion for the Board to approve the Dynetics invoice. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. Voice Vote. All Ayes.*

**XI. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:02PM*

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Rick Taggart, Board Chairman

***ATTEST:***

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Victoria Hightower, Clerk to the Board